

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1-15 as follows:

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1. (currently amended) A method for allocating resources for creating a computing environment, the method using a processor coupled to a display device and to a user input device, the method comprising:
 - displaying a list of resources on the display device, wherein the resources comprise at least one of a hardware device, operating system software and application software;
 - accepting signals from the user input device to indicate the configuration of ~~at least a portion~~ a selected resource of the resources; and
 - configuring the selected resource[[s]].
 2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the resources ~~include~~ comprise a hardware processor[[s]].
 3. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~processing~~ resources ~~include~~ comprise software in ~~particular an~~ operating system[[s]] and application software.
 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising:
 - accepting first signals from the user input device to indicate a configuration to be used;
 - accepting second signals from the user input device to indicate one or more software components to be installed; and
 - automatically installing the software components onto ~~[[the]]~~ a processing platform.
 5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4, wherein a one of the software components is a server component.
 6. (currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[6]]~~ 4, wherein a one of the software components is a client component.

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7. (currently amended) A system for providing configurable resources to achieve create a computing environment, the system comprising
 a configurable communication link;
 a plurality of hardware devices coupled to the communication link; and
 a plurality of software programs coupled to the hardware devices, the software programs including comprising at least one of operating system[[s]] software[[,]] and application software, ~~and others of a similar nature.~~

8. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 7, further comprising:
a visual construction of the computing environment via a user interface, the user interface coupled to a display screen and to an input device for generating signals in response to interactions of a user, wherein the ~~method comprising~~ user interface configured to:

accept[[ing]] a first signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a type of operating system for use in the computing environment;
 accept[[ing]] a second signal from the input device which enables the user to specify a type of hardware for use within the computing environment;
 accept[[ing]] one or more further signals from the input device which enable the user to specify ~~one or more~~ software to be used within the computing environment.

9. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 8, wherein the user interface is further comprising configured to:

accept[[ing]] a signal which allows the user to specify a new device to run in the computing environment,
~~activating~~ activate the new device, and
~~displaying~~ display the computing environment having the ~~active~~ new device.

10. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 9, wherein ~~the displaying of the user interface is further configured to display~~ a plurality of configurations ~~occurs prior to the step of before~~ accepting a first signal which enables the user to specify ~~or select~~ a type of configuration.

11. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim 10, wherein the hardware devices displayed may be any hardware device including comprise at least one of a hand-held device[[s]], a PDA[[s]], a cell phone[[s]], a smart card[[s]], a Global Positioning System[[s]] device, and a Point-of-Sale terminal[[s]]; ~~or any other form of hardware device which involves computing in a generic form.~~

12. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10, wherein ~~the visual configuration system~~ the user interface is further comprising configured to:

accept[[ing]] a signal which allows the user to specify constraints on the hardware such as the size of the hard disk, the bandwidth of the network, etc.

13. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim 12, wherein ~~the method further comprising~~

the user interface is further configured to accept[[ing]] a signal which enables the user to specify a request for shared storage;

and

allocating such the system is further configured to allocate the shared storage to be accessible through any at least one of the hardware devices in the environment.

14. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim ~~[[13]]~~ 12, wherein ~~the method further comprising~~

the user interface is further configured to accept[[ing]] a signal which enables the user to specify a request for private storage;

and

allocating such the system is further configured to allocate the private storage to be accessible through specific devices in the computing environment for a specific user[[s]] in the account.

15. (currently amended) The ~~method system~~ of claim 14, wherein ~~the method further comprising~~

the user interface is further configured to accept[[ing]] a signal which enables the user to request a copy a device configuration; and

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~~making such a~~ the system is further configured to make the copy of the device configuration, saving it and save the copy of the device configuration in storage;
and

the user interface is further configured to accept[[ing]] a signal which enables the user to instantiate a device from a stored configuration; and
~~instantiating such~~ the system is further configured to instantiate the device from [[a]] the stored configuration.
